

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Seek Better Migrant Legislation

By Galen R. Weaver

Several bills before the 86th Congress are highly important because they would seek to remedy a great injustice to migratory agricultural workers and their families. These include Senator Javits' S.1778 and Representative Kern's similar bill (H.R. 5930) in the House to provide for registration of migrant labor contractors in interstate commerce. Senator Williams has a bill (S.2864) which has a similar purpose. The latter is more specific in the obligations placed upon crew leaders.

If enacted with provisions made for adequate enforcement personnel, either bill would go a long way towards ameliorating the irresponsible and sometimes exploitive conduct of certain crew leaders. The honest ones need have no reluctance over complying.

The second area of concern is covered well by Senator Williams' S.2864 which provides for five years of federal assistance to states for the education of migrant children. H.R. 10378 (Representative Barley) is the parallel House proposal.

In respect to Public Law 78 which provides for and regulates the importation of Mexican nationals for farm labor, the General Board of the National Council of Churches has taken the position that the law should be amended in several directions, in the interest of providing jobs at fair wages for domestic labor. Several amendments are badly needed, such as providing for annual reductions in the volume of imported agricultural labor and for termination of the law at a definite date. Public Law 78 actually expires as of June 30, 1961, and normally would be reviewed in the next Congress. However, many growers, led by the American Farm Bureau Federation, are striving hard to have legislation to extend it passed during this 86th Congress. Apparently their fear is that public opinion may build up to sup-



port changes in the law not desired by the organized employers. Instead, the new law may turn out to be more unfavorable to domestic labor than the present one. The actions which Secretary of Labor Mitchell has taken towards remedying some of the more glaring injustices have made opponents of regulated reforms more determined than ever to transfer jurisdiction to the Department of Agriculture where, it may be presumed, large grower interests will have much more influence.

There are several other matters which should have favorable action at this session, such as the enactment of a minimum wage for farm workers. S.1085 and H.R.4948 would make provision for such a minimum on a gradual scale over a period of several years. S.2141 and H.R.8297 extend the child labor law to cover children in agriculture during out-of-school hours. At this writing it appears that these two matters will not receive enough support in Congress to pass

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The "Sit-In" Campaigns

By Rudolph W. Raber

By now it ought to be clear to just about everyone that the lunch counter "sit-ins" in the South and sympathetic demonstrations in the North are not simply another passing fad. Nobody is swallowing goldfish or stealing underwear. This is serious business.

Miss Dorothy Hampton, United Church of Christ Consultant on Racial Relations in North Carolina and Virginia has this to say about the "sit-in" demonstrations:

"We have a way of saying that these things (school desegregation, etc.) take time to work themselves out, but this generation of students (and others) realize that 'time' does nothing but march on, and that 'things' don't do anything—but people *can* do something with time and things. Unless somebody is doing something, neither progress nor regress takes place.

"As biblical writers saw God at work in happenings of their time so Christian students see God at work in ours. The Central Committee of the National Student Christian Federation speaks in these terms:

As Christian students, our response to these turbulent events is founded in the Gospel of Jesus Christ,—the knowledge that God has acted, and is acting, in the world. These events, and the situation which gave birth to them, surely stand as God's judgment upon us; we are humbled before Him. In God's judgment upon us we recognize, as well, His abundant mercy in Christ and His initiative in the ministry of reconciliation.

It is exciting and frightening to see young people—and God—at work in our dime stores.

"It is obvious that coffee and doughnuts are not the primary issue. All that has been happening for the last two months is symbolic of the deep desire for dignity in the human spirit. All their lives the Negro students involved in these

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demonstrations have been confronted with signs, language, customs, intimations to the effect that 'you're not wanted here.' At last, they've found a way of saying 'this hurts' and 'we're not going to take it any longer.' What a sense of release it must be to be able to say this!

"People in high places and low are asking who started all this? and why don't these 'outsiders' leave us alone? I don't know the specifics about the 'who' or the 'where from' these things got started, but I do know that the kindling was mighty ready for the fire. Some white southerners may think that we can live unrelated to the rest of the world but many southerners, of both races, know we can't and are determined that we shall not. Things are happening. Life is moving swiftly. We're having to learn to live with change—we have no choice. Things are on a different basis. Recent weeks have shown more clearly than ever before that decisions are not going to continue to be made by white southerners who are determined to 'preserve our way of life.' Those who've been sitting under that way of life are finding ways of making cracks in it and are emerging through them to bring in a new order."

What Can We Do?

Individuals and groups who find themselves "behind the lines" at this particular juncture are raising this question of concern. Here are a few practical suggestions for supportive action.

1. Get the facts, keep getting them and pass them around. The current race relations picture is complex and undergoing dynamic day to day change. Persons wishing to be useful must keep informed.

2. Establish contacts with other individuals and groups with similar concerns, especially across racial lines. The struggle for human dignity is everyone's struggle and the cause is strengthened immeasurably when people of different races speak and work together.

3. Establish contact with groups or individuals who are actively participating in the demonstrations. Knowledge of your interest and concern lends valuable moral support.

4. Raise funds for bail, legal counsel, and other aid to those who have undergone arrest or other hardship as a result of the demonstrations.

5. Write to the national headquarters of the businesses involved in the protests.

WHERE TO GET INFORMATION —AND HOW TO HELP

The following organizations are assisting those involved in the struggle for desegregation through legal defense and other forms of support. They may be relied upon to furnish any information desired upon request.

National Student Christian Federation, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York, is collecting and distributing scholarship funds for students expelled from southern schools and colleges because of their part in responsible demonstrations.

The National Council of Churches' Department of Racial and Cultural Relations has engaged the Rev. Will Campbell as the staff person working out of Nashville to stimulate churches and Christian groups and individuals in behalf of inter-communication and action in critical situations. The Council's office is at 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

NAACP Legal Defense Fund bears the main brunt of carrying cases through the courts and has a massive task ahead in the school, the voting, and the lunch counter cases. Treasurer, Dr. Allan Knight Chalmers, Room 1790, 10 Columbus Circle, New York 17, N. Y.

Southern Regional Council, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta 3, Georgia, is the

interracial voluntary organization which does the best job in coordinating effort of Southerners of good will, research, publicity and direct community action. It has affiliated Councils on Human Relations in all of the Southern states.

Congress on Racial Equality, 38 Park Row New York 38, New York, promotes non-violent techniques of testing, negotiating and picketing in the field of public accommodations.

Southern Christian Leadership Conference was created as a result of the Montgomery, Alabama experience to carry on a similar program elsewhere, not only in bus transportation but in other fields also. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is a key figure in this movement which trains persons in non-violent methods of protest and non-cooperation. The Secretary-Treasurer is the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, 347 N. Ripley St., Montgomery, Alabama.

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The Council for Christian Social Action of the United Church of Christ is receiving funds for student scholarships and defense. Checks should be designated "Student Defense" and made out to the Council for Christian Social Action, 289 Park Avenue South, New York 10, New York.

Indicate support for the demonstrators and urge equal service for all customers everywhere in the nation.

6. Take a look at your own community. How does it stand in relationship to fair housing, merit employment, non-segregated education, hotels and restaurants? It may be that you ought to be marching, sitting, standing, or in jail.

7. Commit yourself to individual witness on good human relations on a round the clock basis. Permit no racial slur, generalization, propaganda, or expression, however casual, to go unchallenged in any circumstance.

8. Whatever is done, let it be done "with all prayer and supplication to God."

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The Reverend Rudolph W. Raber, pastor of Hough Avenue Evangelical and Reformed Church, Cleveland, Ohio, is Acting Secretary for Racial and Cultural Relations in the absence of the Reverend Chester L. Marcus, presently on leave in Ghana.

The Reverend Galen R. Weaver, Secretary for Racial and Cultural Relations of the Council for Christian Social Action, is also Chairman of the Migrant Committee of the Division of Home Missions of the National Council of Churches.

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such legislation. However, in the interest of building up a better understanding and readiness to deal with these problems it is desirable to keep on urging Senators and Congressmen to give them their attention and encouragement.

Hearings on domestic farm legislation have been conducted by the Senate Subcommittee on Migratory Labor, Senator Harrison A. Williams, Jr., Chairman. The House Subcommittee on Education, Representative Cleveland Bailey, Chairman, is considering bills dealing with migrant education. Public hearings on bills to extend the Mexican farm labor program have been held by the House Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Equipment, Supplies and Manpower, Representative E. C. Gathings, Chairman.

Those wishing to keep up with the problems of farm workers may secure information from the National Council on Agricultural Life and Labor, 1751 "N" Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

FILMS, FILMSTRIPS, AND RECORDINGS

Recommended by the Staff of the Council for Christian Social Action of the United Church of Christ

Unless otherwise indicated the listings are all 16 mm sound films. All items except those marked * may be ordered from **Bureau of Audio-Visuals of the United Church of Christ:**

501 Race Street, Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania
14 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts
7720 Chouteau Avenue, St. Louis 3, Missouri

19 South La Salle Street, Chicago 3, Illinois
870 Market Street, Room 688, Flood Bldg.,
San Francisco, California

Materials marked * are available from other places as noted. For additional materials consult your local library or the catalog of the Bureau of Audio-Visuals.

Christian Social Action, General

Train of Action. Color film. 28 minutes. Rental \$12.00. A local church awakens to its community and political responsibilities. A good film for showing the work of a congregational committee on Christian social action.

What Happened to Hannah? A filmstrip, in color, accompanied by a 33 rpm record. 17 minutes. Rental \$2.50; Sale, \$10.00. The story of how a local church became interested in the social problems around it and helped carry its Christian concern for social welfare into the larger community.

Aging

Place to Live. 25 minutes. B&W. Problems of aged parents living with family unable to give special care. Family Service agency provides a solution—a good community-supported home for the aging. Try to borrow at local library, or from Visual Education Service, State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

Agriculture

Again Pioneers. 70 minutes. Rental \$10.00. The story of the problems migrants face. In the act of helping a migrant family a churchman sees the importance of mission work.

Shadow on the Land. 32 minutes, in color. Rental \$6.00. Deals with the problems which threaten the stability of the family farm and the integrity of the rural community.

The Harvest. 30 minutes, B&W. Rental \$6.00. Portrays the kinds of problems a rural minister is called upon to solve, and how they add meaning to his work. A good study of Christian stewardship. In finding an answer for one of his young parishioners, who wants to go to a factory job in a big city, Pastor Lawson finds direction which applies to himself and to other people in his parish also.

Who Is a Christian Farmer? A filmstrip, with reading script and case guide. Sale to United Church groups \$2.00; to others \$4.00. It is designed for a series of four discussions around the problems of conservation, the family farm, local community and government farm programs.

Alcoholism

How Long The Night? 30 minutes. \$4.00. A frank attempt to build sympathy and understanding for alcoholics and their families. Solutions are not suggested, but the accompanying leader's guide will help groups study rehabilitation possibilities. Secure from Communications Department, Methodist Church, 100 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington 2, D.C.

Civil Liberties

Freedom To Learn. 28 minutes. Rental, Color \$3.50; B&W \$1.50. Mrs. Mae Orin, a high school teacher with 25 years of experience, is called before an open meeting of the school board to answer charges of teaching Communism in her classes. A National Education Association production.

Sound of a Stone. 28 minutes. Rental, color \$10.00; B&W \$6.00. Henry Jordan, high school teacher, is accused of subversion by the father of one of his pupils. After turning the community against Mr. Jordan this father discovers he has made a grievous mistake. He attempts to undo the damage, but learns that the sound of a crashing stone cannot be silenced!

What Price Freedom? 40 minutes. Color \$15.00; B&W \$10.00. Larry Miller, a young American business man, goes to East Berlin. There he sees Communism at work, and discovers the power of Christian commitment and the meaning of democracy.

Conscientious Objectors

Alternatives. 24 minutes, color. Rental \$7.50. An animated film, narrated by movie star Don Murray. It is of special interest to young people who are subject to call to military service. It describes the alternatives which are open to those with pacifist convictions.

Economic Responsibility

Biggest Thing in Middleville. Color filmstrip, 16 minutes. With 33 rpm record and script guide. Rental \$2.50. Sale \$12.50. Stresses the churches' responsibility to help their laymen and laywomen recognize and exercise a sense of Christian responsibility in their daily work.

Living Right At Our Work. Five discussion filmstrips, with 33 rpm records. Rental, each \$2.50. 10 minutes each, scripts, guides. Designed to get people to talk, live Christian principles on the job. Five successive meetings are recommended. Effective use requires very careful preparation by discussion leader. There are about 65 frames in each piece. Titles are: Right Choice, Right Attitude, Right Counsel, Right Outlook, Right Leadership.

Family Life

Fair Chance. 14 minutes. Color \$5.00; B&W \$3.00. Produced by the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, 501 Madison Avenue, New York 22, N. Y. It tells the story of two young fathers who meet in the waiting room of a hospital maternity ward. One of them, Joe Walton, age 23, unemployed, is badly worried. The other father, who believes in planned parenthood, is happy about the arrival of his new daughter. While the two young men talk about family planning, Joe's wife has her fourth baby. "A new day has begun, a new life. And with it, for Joe Walton and his wife a new chance. And for their children—a new kind of chance, a fair chance."

One Love—Conflicting Faiths. A 27 minute film, in color. Rental \$8.00. A good piece to introduce discussion of interfaith marriage among high school and college young people, and older persons. The story centers around Protestant Marilyn Harper, 18, and Roman Catholic Herb Clark, 20. They go to a Justice of the Peace to be married. Then many questions have to be answered: Are they really married? How to get along with Catholic and Protestant in-laws? How reconcile differing points of view about planned parenthood, the authority of the church, children's religious training, etc.? Very useful in discussions on preparation for marriage.

Immigration

The Golden Door. 15 minutes, color. Rental \$4.00. An animated film. It dramatizes ideas, facts and figures which tell how the United States immigration policy evolved, and how many and what kinds of people immigrated to this country over the years. It also speaks about those who want to come. It will stimulate audiences to think seriously about immigration policy.

Inner City Church

Bernadette of East Harlem. A filmstrip, 40 frames, with script for reading. Rental \$1.50; sale \$7.50. Good story for children's groups, of a young Negro girl who is proud of what her church is doing for the people of the New York slums.

New Days—New Duties. A color filmstrip with tape recording. Speed 7.5. 23 minutes. Rental \$2.00. Euclid Avenue Congregational Church of Cleveland demonstrates how an old established church can adjust to racial and other inner city changes in its community.

International Relations

The Face of Red China. Prepared by CBS Television. 54 minutes. Black and white print with sound, may be rented from the Yeshiva University Film Library, 526 West 187th Street, New York 33, N. Y., for \$12.00. The film shows life in the communes, workers in the fields undergoing military training, a modern steel mill and several backyard hand furnaces, children at school and at play, and urban life in Peking, Canton and Shanghai.

New Faces of Africa. 29 minutes. Color \$12.00; B&W \$8.00. This film documents modern Africa's surge toward independence. Representative Africans who are making magnificent contributions to the emerging Africa interpret their convictions in their own words and actions. The narrator is a young African doctor, educated in the United States, who recently established a new hospital in East Africa.

Overture. A nine-minute impressionistic film. Shots of the United Nations Buildings and of the human need the United Nations was created to meet. Good as brief introduction to discussion. Rental, \$4.00; sale, \$45.00. Contemporary Films, 267 West 25th Street, New York 1, New York.

Power Among Men. First feature-length film to deal with the idea and purposes of the United Nations. A film about two forces which coexist in humankind: power to build; power to destroy. 16mm version available for non-commercial showing. Black and white, \$35.00—Color, \$50.00. Ninety minutes. Louis De-Rochemont Films, 267 West 25th Street, New York 1, N. Y. (A 45-minute study version will be available in the fall of 1960, at a slightly lower cost.)

Searchlight on the Nations. 20 minutes. Rental \$5.00. A United Nations film. A good introduction to public hearings and private committee sessions of the UN, with insights into some of the things which are being done to break down ancient barriers, and to build peace and a better world.†

† United Nations film depositories, to be found in a number of our largest cities, provide, at a rental of \$2.50 each, a series of sound films which show the work in various parts of the world of some of the UN agencies, like WHO, FAO, UNICEF, and others. There are twenty or more 10 minute films in a series entitled Screen Magazines. The list of titles may be obtained from the Department of Public Information, United Nations, New York 17, N. Y.

* **Workshop For Peace.** 29 minutes. Rental \$7.50. Sale \$65.00. A complete tour of the UN Headquarters in New York. Shows the General Assembly in action and the Secretary-General and the UN Staff in their day-to-day activities. U.N. Film depositories.†

* **World Without End.** 45 minutes. Rental \$7.50 from United Nations depositories.† A powerful story of the work the UN is doing to help millions of human beings find their own way out of the dreadful cycle of hunger, poverty, disease and ignorance.

Political Action

Christian In Politics. 30 minutes. Rental \$9.00. The story of a man who is asked to run for political office, and who bases his decision on his concern for Christian citizenship. Especially useful in pre-voting seasons, and on national holidays.

* **Pressure Groups.** Black and white with sound. 27 minutes. Rental \$4.50 from Encyclopedia Britannica Films, Inc., 202 East 44th Street, New York, N. Y. A state senator explains to two skeptical young men how groups working for the public good can counteract the influence of those interested only in private gain.

Racial and Cultural Relations

All The Way Home. 30 minutes. Rental \$8.00. A provocative story of a community thrown into panic when a Negro family stops in front of a "For Sale" sign. Fear and hysteria threaten to tear apart community relationships built up over many years. Valuable for discussion group use.

The Broken Mask. 28 minutes. Color \$12.00; B&W \$8.00. The story of two college students who come to grips with the man-made barriers of prejudice against the color of a man's skin, and through their experiences come to realize that living harmoniously is a two-way street—a challenge to each one to recognize and assume his full share of responsibility.

* **Burden of Truth.** Feature length movie, B&W, 67 minutes. Sponsored by the United Steelworkers of America. The main focus is on discrimination in housing and employment, but other aspects of the race problem are also portrayed. Borrow from United Steelworkers of America, 1500 Commonwealth Building, Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania.

Crossroads at Cedarpoint. A filmstrip, 60 frames, with a reading script. Rental \$1.00. Sale \$3.00. Tells the story of the opposition encountered by a Negro family which tried to move into a white community. Questions raised in the script will stimulate discussion of the basic issues involved in discrimination in housing.

My Brother. 30 minutes. Rental \$9.00. A film from the series, **This is the Life.** It is a fine story. Neighbors reject an eight-year-old Filipino-American boy as a "foreigner." Newspaperman Turner does some damage, then learns a big lesson from the town's druggist. Others see that in God's sight no one is a foreigner.

Song of the Shining Mountain. 29 minutes, color \$12.00; B&W \$8.00. American Indians living on reservations today are a remnant from another civilization—men caught between two cultures. Surrounded by abundance, they have never felt so desperately poor and insecure.

Social Welfare

* **The New Commandment.** A color filmstrip, with 33 rpm record, 18 minutes. Purchase, \$12.50. A new production designed to show the importance of social welfare in the program of the local church. It can be borrowed, free, from the office of the Commission on Health and Welfare Services, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania.

Single copies of this list may be ordered free, additional copies two cents each, from

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Earnestly Desired

The CCSA and the Department of International Affairs, National Council of Churches, earnestly desire reports on what our churches did in the Nationwide Program for Peace. Did your church, your school, your conference conduct a special discussion series or in any other way emphasize international affairs in the period, June 1959 to June 1960?

Please send a brief report to Herman F. Reissig, International Relations Secretary, CCSA, 289 Park Avenue South, New York 10, New York. If you had a printed program include a copy. We know that many churches participated but we do not know how many. Please summarize the response in addition to giving topics, auspices, and approximate number attending.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE

Nearly a hundred members of the United Church of Christ attended the Golden Anniversary White House Conference on Children and Youth in Washington, D. C., March 27—April 1. They represented a wide variety of organizations throughout the nation. Several had leadership in plenary or sectional meetings.

The conference was planned and directed by non-governmental people, with help from officials of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The 7560 delegates held only two meetings together, but identical themes were considered in five large assemblies on each of the first three days. Each of eighteen forum groups also held four long sessions during the week. But the real work of the conference was done in more than 200 small work groups, in none of which each delegate was expected to take part each day.

Conclusions reached in the work group sessions were taken up in the fourth meeting of the eighteen forums. Committees from these forums then had the job of putting together the best work of their several groups to form the basis of the resolutions to be published.

Five hundred delegates from other nations participated. One resolution submitted at the closing meeting expressed the hope that the 1970 Conference might be international in scope and have the backing of the United Nations!

Subjects which received attention were family life, welfare programs, education, problems of the children of migrant workers, beliefs and personal conduct, the effect of mass communication media, and juvenile delinquency.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY will have occasion in coming issues to discuss some of the proposals offered.

IMPORTANT PUBLICATIONS

The National Council of Churches has issued three documents of importance to leaders in our churches, especially those responsible for social education and action.

The General Board has issued a statement on *Christian Responsibility in the 1960 Election*. Copies may be secured at 10c each \$7.50 per 100.

Enclosed with this mailing is a copy of *1960 Election Issues Make A World of Difference*, also 10c or \$7.50 per hundred.

This summer, the Council will have ready a *CASE BOOK: Christian Responsibility for Freedom*, a basic guide for study and action to be used in our churches in connection with the 1960-61 Interdenominational Co-ordinated Emphasis in Christian Life and Work. Copies of the Case Book are available at 50c each and include a discussion of the basic issues involved in civil and religious liberty, and a selected group of well documented cases for study and discussion.

In addition to the above, by midsummer we shall again have copies of the *Voting Record of the 86th Congress* at 10c each.

All the above items may be ordered from Council for Christian Social Action, 289 Park Avenue South, New York 10, New York and 2969 West 25th Street, Cleveland 13, Ohio. Please enclose cash with each order.

News From the Field

From Harvey L. Young, M.D., chairman of Washington Conference Committee on Social Action, comes this report of a forum series on the theme "Stresses in Modern Living," held on three successive Sunday evenings at the Community Congregational Church at Veradale, Washington:

At the opening meeting E. P. Peterson, M.D., psychiatrist at the Eastern State Hospital, Medical Lake, Washington, showed how speed, competition, communication, morality, and insecurity affect modern life.

At the second forum Mr. Eugene Jonquet, Social Worker and Family Counselor from the Spokane Counseling Service discussed "Family Stresses in Modern Living." It was his opinion that no one seems responsible for children in our country; children themselves have become the authority. This to a great extent leads to no authority.

SOCIAL ACTION CALENDAR

June 6-10—Central Christian Social Action Institute, E and R Conference Center, Dunkirk, N. Y.*

June 20-24—West Coast Christian Social Action Institute, White Memorial Retreat Center, Mill Valley, Calif.*

June 22-August 23—World Seminar (62 days in 16 countries). Leaders: Dr. and Mrs. Ray Gibbons.

June 22-July 7—Hawaiian Seminar. Leaders: Rev. and Mrs. Galen R. Weaver.

June 20-July 2—Seventeenth Annual Race Relations Institute, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn. Director: Dr. Herman H. Long.

July 11-15—Midwest Christian Social Action Institute, Lakeland College, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.*

July 18-22—Southern Institute, Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, N. C.*

July 25-29—Eastern Christian Social Action Institute, Congregational Conference Center, Framingham, Mass.*

August 3-22—Mexican Seminar. Leaders: Dr. and Mrs. Huber F. Klemme.

September 4—Labor Sunday.

September 6-9—CCSA meeting with Synod and State Conference chairmen, Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota.

October 23—World Order Sunday

October 25-27—United Nations—World Order Seminar, New York.

November 4—World Community Day

* For information and possible scholarship help, Congregational Christians may write to Miss Fern Babcock, CCSA, 289 Park Avenue South, New York 10, N. Y.; and Evangelical and Reformed members may write to the Rev. F. Nelsen Schlegel, CCSA 2969 West 25th Street, Cleveland 13, Ohio.

A five member panel participated in the final program. Malcolm Finlayson spoke on the "Materialistic Problems of Modern Living"; Mrs. Theron Zimmerman, member of the Conference Christian Social Action Committee, on "Political Problems and Stresses of Our Day"; Harvey L. Young, M.D. on "Cultural Stresses with particular reference to the suburbs"; and the Rev. Olaf Stoeve, Minister of the Veradale Church, on the "Christian Attitude and Approach to Modern Life Stresses."

Will You Come?

Every year in October they come—seventy-five to one hundred people from all over the country — to the CCSA's WORLD ORDER AND UNITED NATIONS SEMINAR. The dates this year are October 25-27. Plan now to attend this wonderful two and a half day meeting. Special emphasis this year on Africa, with experts from the U.N. and private organizations. Details on cost and program will be given in the September issue of this paper. Meanwhile, you may write to Herman F. Reissig, 289 Park Avenue South, New York 10, New York, for more information.

EDEN SEMINARY STUDENTS LAUNCH OPERATION CONCERN

Demonstrations against race discrimination in Nashville, Tennessee, the expulsion of James M. Lawson, Jr., from the Vanderbilt University School of Religion, and his subsequent arrest by Nashville police, turned a routine meeting of the Student Union of Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, Missouri into the beginning of a campus-wide movement. Telegrams in support of James Lawson were sent to the Vanderbilt University Board of Trustees and to Mr. Lawson himself. A committee, designated "Operation Concern," was set up to explore the possibilities of further student action and study on racial problems.

"Operation Concern" functions through sub-committees working in five specific areas—cooperation with other organizations (CORE, NSCF); cooperation with local churches on local issues; gathering and posting of information; worship; and the writing of letters.

The committee drafted a letter, subsequently endorsed by the Social Action Committee of Missouri Valley Synod, to be read, where possible, in the churches served by Eden students and in other churches of the synod. It has cooperated with CORE in protest-picketing of F. W. Woolworth stores in St. Louis, and has written to executives of F. W. Woolworth asking that segregation in their southern stores be eliminated. Further consultation with the churches of the area and with groups on other campuses is projected.

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IN MEMORIAM—CARMON B. NEWELL

The Council for Christian Social Action and indeed the United Church of Christ have suffered a great loss in the untimely death of Mr. Carmon B. Newell, on Sunday, March 27, at the age of 51. Born in Olive Hill, Kentucky, January 20, 1909, "C. B." was a member of the Council since its organization in June, 1957, having been elected to the Commission on Christian Social Action of the Evangelical and Reformed Church the preceding year. As Director of District Nine, United Steelworkers of America AFL-CIO, with his office in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, he gave devoted leadership to his union in Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey and served on its International Board.



C. B. NEWELL

Mr. Newell brought to the Council's deliberations not only a valuable background of knowledge and experience in the Labor movement but an openness of mind, a keenness of judgment, and a graciousness of spirit which won the re-

spect and affection of his colleagues.

His gifts were recognized by and generously placed at the disposal of many church and community causes. A member of Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church, Freemansburg, he served as vice-president of the consistory and as chairman of the committee on Christian Social Action. He was at various times president of the Board of Education of Freemansburg, member of the boards of the Bethlehem Committee on Alcoholism, the Greater Bethlehem Community Chest, the Foreign Policy Association of Bethlehem, and of the Labor Advisory Board of the Pennsylvania State University. He had served on the executive, international relations, and economic life committees of the Council for Christian Social Action and as co-moderator contributed greatly to the United Church of Christ's first National Conference on the Churchman as a Citizen.

At the time of his death, from a heart attack, he was in DeLand, Florida under orders of his physician, apparently recovering and looking forward to returning to his work in April. He leaves his wife, one son, and three daughters.

ADD NEW WORKER IN RACE RELATIONS

As of November, 1959, the Reverend Edward M. Brown began his work as a full time staff member in the Division of Church Extension and Evangelism of the Board of Home Missions. Mr. Brown's office address is 41 Exchange Place, Room 803, Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Mr. Brown, who has Congregational Christian ministerial standing, is to work in the area of Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina with both white and Negro constituencies, Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed, in an effort to increase communication and cooperation.

Miss Dorothy E. Hampton, who has been working in a similar capacity for the past three years under the Council for Christian Social Action in North Carolina and Virginia has, as of January 1, 1960, become a staff member of the Church Extension and Evangelism Division. She has office space in the United Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, at 286 Hillsboro Street.

Two committees for consultation have been set up in the respective areas. They include persons from the Congregational Christian and the Evangelical and Reformed denominations so that the program will continue to be conducted as a United Church of Christ project.

SUMMARIZE ARMS RACE OPINIONS

Some three hundred persons in twenty states have discussed and reported on the CCSA statement, "Christians and the Arms Race." At least one staff member has examined all of the reports. The careful thought given the statement by many groups and individuals is greatly appreciated. The CCSA International Relations Committee urges those who have not yet studied the statement to do so and to send a report to the New York office. Additional copies of the statement and of the report form are available.

A preliminary analysis of opinions received thus far reveals that:

- there is almost unanimous agreement with the statement's recommendations for Action;
- a majority is satisfied with the Analysis;
- a substantial minority disagrees fundamentally with the Analysis.

If you have not studied the statement, write today for as many copies of the statement and the report form as you need for your group.